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## **Pratt to assume duties as CNET Force Master Chief**

PENSACOLA, Fla.--During a change of office ceremony scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at the National Museum of Naval Aviation , Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW) Gregory Pratt will assume the duties of Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) Force Master Chief from Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (SS/SW) Irv Clifton.

Pratt is reporting to CNET from Chief of Naval Air Training Command, Corpus Christi, Texas, where he served as the Command Master Chief. He joined the Navy in 1976 and has served in six Navy ships including the USS Chanderler (DDG-996) where he was the ship's Command Master Chief, and at various shore commands. Master Chief Pratt attended the Senior Enlisted Academy, Newport, R.I., and was named "Distinguished Graduate."

Pratt's military awards include; Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal 6<sup>th</sup> award, Navy Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, United Nations Medal with Bronze Star and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

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Clifton reported to CNET in December 1997, after serving as Command Master Chief, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He also served as Command Master Chief of the guided missile destroyer USS Mitscher (DDG-57), homeported in Norfolk, Va., and as Command Master Chief, Naval Hospital, Beaufort, S.C. Clifton, qualified in submarines, is qualified as Chief of the Watch, Diving Officer, and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, and during his tour on board the USS Mitscher, he qualified as Officer of the Deck (underway). He is also a graduate of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy.

Clifton's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal 7<sup>th</sup> award, and various unit awards.

His educational accomplishments include a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Regents College. Clifton will be retiring with more than 29 years of distinguished service to his country after passing the duties of CNET Force Master Chief to Master Chief Pratt.



